

WASHINGTON MATTERS.

DIPLOMACY AND LEGISLATION.

A Division of Opinion as to Open Sessions on the Spanish Treaty—Another Land Forfeiture Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations is understood to be equally divided on the Van Wyck resolution to discuss the Spanish treaty in open session. The chairman of the committee (Miller, of California) and Senators Sherman and Lapham favor an open session, while Vice-President Edmunds strongly opposes any deviation from the old-fogy plan of discussing treaties with closed doors. Senators Morgan and Pendleton are said to side with him. Of the other members of the committee, Senator Vance is absent and Senators Brown and Wilson are non-committal. The working man of the committee is "Senator Morgan, of Alabama, and it is believed, favors letting the Spanish treaty wait, and giving precedence to the Nicaragua canal project. The leading idea with Morgan is to make American diplomacy felt in the councils of Europe. He was to be invited to this by the ex-Belgian Minister Sandford, the American member of the African International Association, president over by the King of Belgium, who put through the Senate at the last session, a resolution recognizing the sovereignty of the Congo region. That action was a wide divergence from the past traditions of the Government. Its immediate effect was to defeat the Anglo-Portuguese treaty, dividing the control of the Congo region between England and Portugal, and was the direct cause of the present Berlin conference. Mr. Morgan, it is stated, desires to adopt a similarly bold line of policy with regard to the Nicaragua canal and the annulment of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty with England, and is positive he may carry the Committee on Foreign Relations with him. If so, there will be lively times in the Senate, and discussion too important to be smothered behind the closed doors of an executive session. Mr. Morgan's resolution ordering the suspension of Secretary Chandler's proposed survey of the canal route sleeps in the pigeon-hole of the foreign committee's rooms, and the surveying party is on its way to its destination. Another land-forfeiture bill has been added to the list of these set down for discussion in the Senate under special orders. This time it is the New Orleans, Baton Rouge & Vicksburg, better known as the "Backbone" railroad, whose land grant it is proposed to forfeit. Twelve or fifteen years ago a principally valuable enough to build the road twice the width of the company out of public domain, but the time in which the road was to have been built has long since lapsed, and the road exists only on paper. With regard to this and other land-grant forfeitures, however, there will probably be an infinite amount of talk and no real action.

The two houses of Congress having at the last moment agreed to a holiday recess, the Capitol presents quite as deserted an appearance as during the summer months. There are a few members remaining in the city who visit the buildings once or twice a day for their mail, but there is a lack of visitors during the holiday festivities that reduces the number of persons about the halls and corridors to the lowest average. The only committee at work is that on Rivers and Harbors in the House. One bill they have in charge is an elephant of large dimensions. On it they have worked with as much industry as any committee of the House, but the work is of such a nature that until ordered to be reported no item in it is sure to stand as set down. There are so many conflicting interests, so many pressing demands for this and that improvement that it becomes daily, as the committee progresses with its work more and more, a question what shall be left out, or reduced, than what shall be put in the bill.

THE SPOILS GATHERERS.

Rumors and Assertions About President Cleveland's Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer says: "There is evidence in this city, of a documentary nature, which shows, over the new President's own signature, that the tender of a Cabinet portfolio has not been made to living man. Further, that until Governor Cleveland resigns, on the sixth of January next, he will not seriously consider the making up of his official family. If Mr. Bayard has been in the mind of the President-elect, so have other men equally as favorably. For instance, Governor Cleveland is very much impressed with William F. Vilas, of Wisconsin, and his chances of succeeding Frank Hutton as Postmaster-General are more flattering than are the chances of the Delaware Senator being the Premier."

Mr. Vilas, of Wisconsin, unlike Mr. Bayard, dropped into Albany unannounced and quite modestly. He had a long chat with the new President, and at the latter's request extended his Albany visit a day.

The Cincinnati Enquirer's Washington representative, Perry Belmont, for a Cabinet position. Young Belmont has not yet turned his thirty-fourth year, and yet he has been elected twice a member of Congress, and re-elected to the next Congress. His controversy with Blaine in Congressional committee-room some years ago shows there is a good deal of talent in the young man, which requires only the necessity to bring it out.

CLOSING UP.

Secretary Chandler's Threatened Order is Issued.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The following general order growing out of the failure of Congress to pass the Naval Appropriation bill, has been issued at the Navy Department:

After Dec. 31, 1884, until action by Congress, there will be no current appropriations for the pay of the navy, for the pay of the miscellaneous, or contingent expenses of the navy, for the work of the bureau of the Department, for the Naval Academy, the Marine Corps or the Naval Asylum. The naval service must therefore be lawfully maintained without such appropriations. All officers and seamen of the navy will continue to perform their respective duties under existing orders, and their pay and emoluments will continue lawful debts of the Government. All necessary contracts and purchases for clothing, subsistence, forage, fuel, quarters and transportation, for the current year will be duly made, and contracts will be issued therefor, but the holders cannot be informed that payments will depend upon future appropriations for the purpose. Employees for whose payment after Dec. 31, no appropriations may apply, will be allowed to continue on duty during the year in which they are engaged in, in the opinion of the Department, or its proper representative, necessary to the proper functioning of the naval service, provided they will stipulate that they will not be paid therefor, and in such cases will be given certificates stating the time and character of services, that they are voluntarily rendered without contract or agreement, and that the holders will have no claim for compensation unless Congress shall make an appropriation for the purpose. Those on duty during the year in which they are engaged in, in the opinion of the Department, or its proper representative, necessary to the proper functioning of the naval service, provided they will stipulate that they will not be paid therefor, and in such cases will be given certificates stating the time and character of services, that they are voluntarily rendered without contract or agreement, and that the holders will have no claim for compensation unless Congress shall make an appropriation for the purpose. Those on duty during the year in which they are engaged in, in the opinion of the Department, or its proper representative, necessary to the proper functioning of the naval service, provided they will stipulate that they will not be paid therefor, and in such cases will be given certificates stating the time and character of services, that they are voluntarily rendered without contract or agreement, and that the holders will have no claim for compensation unless Congress shall make an appropriation for the purpose.

THE SOCIAL SIDE.

The Coming Season at Washington to be One of the Most Brilliant.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Social events at the national capital this winter are already crowding each other, and society leaders are being taxed to the utmost to keep up with the procession. The families of the Cabinet officers, it is said, will entertain largely, with a view to having the administration of President Arthur expire in the midst of a social blaze of unusual brilliancy. Mrs. McElroy, the President's sister, is preparing a list of ladies who will be invited to assist the President at his New Year reception. It is expected that some thirty to fifty ladies will take part in the ceremonies. Indications warrant the belief that the Executive has decided to make his last New Year's reception the most grand of any ever held in the White House. The floral decorations will be very elaborate for the public reception, but greater pains will be bestowed on the red, blue and green parlor and the rooms upstairs assigned to Mrs. McElroy's lady assistants. In the East room only the mantles will be decorated with flowers. No plants will be placed on the floors of the east room or the parlors, but in the main corridor palms of every variety will be conspicuous ornaments together with tropical foliage plants. Flowering plants and baskets of flowers will adorn the mantles of the three parlors, and the three south windows of the blue room will be almost obstructed by a bank of palms and ferns. The red room of the executive mansion has been further beautified by the addition of a handsome screen and a pair of porcelain vases. On one part of the screen, painted on dark plush background, is a bunch of golden-rod and thistles, on another wild roses, while the center piece represents a landscape in the background of which is a luxuriant growth of wild grasses, out of which a startled covey of game birds are rising. The screen is about five feet high. All who have seen it pronounce it worthy of a place in the White House. One of the magnificent "inlaid" mantels of this room has been placed a new vase, and the center of the room contains a small table of Mexican onyx designed as a stand for a daily bouquet of cut flowers.

A MICHIGAN CROOK IN LIMBO.

An East Saginaw Seal-Skin Thief Caught by a Detective.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Edward Hickey, a notorious Michigan crook, was locked up last evening charged with burglary. The night of Dec. 21 a furrier's store at East Saginaw was broken open and about \$4,500 worth of valuable goods taken. The plunder consisted of seal-skin dolmans, a seal skin coat, nineteen seal-skin caps, several sets of costly furs, and sixty-six skins of seal, astrakhan, beaver and otter, besides numerous smaller articles. H. H. Brix, proprietor of the store, sent a list of the stolen property to the chief of police of every city where the thieves would be likely to go. On Friday Detective Stark, of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, received information that one of the suspected burglars left Detroit for Chicago that morning. Procuring the services of Detective A. Masten, he went out to Tolleston, Ind., and waited for the west-bound train. The train stopped at the station and the officers got on. As Stark entered the front door of the smelter he saw Hickey, whom he instantly recognized as a slick thief and confidence man. Hickey also recognized the detective and sprang from his seat and started to run out of the rear end of the car, evidently intending to jump from the train, as detected in motion. As he reached the door he was clasped in the strong arms of Detective Masten, who threw him to the floor and clasped a pair of handcuffs on his wrists. The prisoner was brought to this city and searched. A trunk check and key were found in his pockets. The check was presented at the Michigan Central baggage room and a large wooden chest obtained. The key fitted the lock and nearly all the stolen property was found. Hickey refused to say anything about the burglary or give any information concerning the accomplices. He is a well-built, smooth-faced, good-looking fellow about twenty-five years of age. He claims Cornwall, Ontario, as his home.

FIRE CONSUMES THREE LIVES.

The Largest and Best Block in Racine Completely Destroyed.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 28.—At 2 o'clock this morning the Blake Opera House block, the handsomest and largest in the city was destroyed by fire. The building consisted of the opera house, hotel, Vilas's drug store, Johnson's restaurant, Wood Bros. hardware store and the telephone exchange. It is now definitely known that three lives were lost in the fire. The names of the deceased are Mr. and Mrs. Russell P. Glover, members of Thompson's "Beggars' Student" opera and Mrs. S. A. Patrick, housekeeper of the hotel in connection with the opera house. The ruins are now being searched for the bodies. The building cost \$100,000, and is a total loss. The loss to the occupants is about twenty-five thousand dollars. The adjoining building was damaged heavily by falling walls, etc. Many of the hotel guests were obliged to flee in their night clothing. Thompson's "Beggars' Student" Opera Company were in the hotel and lost everything.

Big Fire Near Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The loss by the burning of Waterman's furniture factory at Charlestown, at 10 o'clock this morning, is estimated at \$95,000, divided as follows: A. W. Waterman, building, \$30,000; C. W. Lyman, table manufacture, \$25,000; Clark & Buckley, manufacturers of chamber suits, \$40,000. The total insurance was about \$65,000. The building was four stories high, built of wood, 280 by 50 feet. It was built twenty-five years ago.

The Earthquake's Fearful Work.

MADRID, Dec. 28.—Further details of the effects of the earthquake show that 300 people at Alhambra and half the population at Alkalmaz, were killed. The cathedral at Sevilla was greatly damaged, and 700 buildings were destroyed at Periana. The Government has subscribed \$5,000 for the relief of the sufferers.

Fatal Accident at Kalamazoo.

KALAMAZOO, Dec. 28.—Samuel Ben, leader of the light guard band, while cleaning snow off the roof of his dwelling this morning, fell from the ladder to the ground striking on the back of his neck. He lived only two hours.

Gladstone Seventy-Five.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—To-day is the seventy-fifth anniversary of Gladstone's birth. Festivities have been made by friends for a possible recognition of the event.

BEECHER APOLOGIZES.

A STATEMENT TO HIS CHURCH.

Reasons for His Late Political Action—Some Things That Ought to Have Been Said Differently.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—At the close of his sermon this morning Beecher made a personal statement to his congregation. He said that for the first time in thirty-eight years of his ministry in Plymouth Church, there was enough of a disagreement in the church to need notice. The dissent was not on account of his ministry, for no one had charged him with introducing politics into his sermons. He had discussed slavery from the pulpit because it was a permanent question and involved the necessity of education, but the present question was a small one and would of itself soon pass away, and therefore he had not thought it fair to vex those among them who differed from his views, by alluding to the matter in the pulpit. But he felt that when the great Republican party had failed to crown its career by bringing in unity of sentiment the North and the South that like Moses he who had helped to bring the people within sight of the promised land, was to die without entering in. He would gladly have given his life if the Republican party could have made one of its great candidates a Southern man. Feeling as he did, after long consideration he went into the canvass. They knew very well he never went into anything by halves. [Applause.] He threw his life, his reputation, his influence to the winds. They were nothing to him if only the country might live in absolute harmony. He would not say he had not said things during the campaign that he ought to have said differently. But after he had been with them forty years they should have had confidence enough in him, and manliness enough, not to take an impetuous speech and draw it out the whole time. It was a shame for them to have done it. [Applause.] As for himself, it was a shame for him to have said anything that should lead them to such a mistake. On no other point was he so sensitive as that it should be supposed that he in any way undervalued the sanctity of chastity and the purity of home and life. On that subject time would do him justice, and he had had a right to expect different treatment from them. As to his political judgment, he looked back upon it with approval. As to what had been said about persons intending to leave the church, if any man or woman could hold on to his blessing whenever they chose to go. So far as new renting was concerned, all he cared was that the charitable work of the church might not have its revenues curtailed. They could not rebuke him by reducing his income. [Applause.] He came to the pulpit on \$100 a year and could live on the way all the time. But if he supposed that even a large minority felt no longer benefited by his preaching he would resign. If they wanted him to stay they must receive him with open hands. He regretted if any one's feelings had been hurt; for any mistake he had made he apologized. But they should remember that in speaking to a crowd one addressed a jury rather than a judge, and used less formal language. They should not lay the rule of measurement too surely upon the speaker who was sent to counteract Ben Butler. [Laughter.] He was not a servant of Christ, and love's sake, he trusted in their love of him. Many would soon be with him in the other life, where they would smile in remembering how they let the grandeur of life go by while thinking of the little infelicities and slips. For the sake of men perishing in ignorance, let them hold on to the way all the purer and stronger for the slight misunderstanding that had come among them.

Beecher was warmly congratulated by a host of friends at the close of the service.

Newspaper Change.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 28.—Rumors regarding a sale of the Daily Globe, the leading Democratic paper of the Northwest, have been rife for many days. From a reliable source it is learned to-night that the Globe Company has been organized with a capital stock of \$100,000, of which Commodore Kitchin holds \$55,000, and Lewis Baker, of Wheeling, W. Va., \$25,000. The remainder is held by St. Paul men. Articles were signed this evening and will be filed with the Secretary of State to-morrow. H. P. Hall, editor-in-chief, retained his hold on the paper, and Lewis Baker will be his successor with Mr. Morrissey, now managing editor of the Dispatch, as managing editor.

A New York Speculator in Chicago.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Ex-Assistant United States District Attorney Hoxie, who left Brooklyn seven years ago under suspicious circumstances, and who was traced to Philadelphia by secret service officers, has been heard from at Chicago. United States District Attorney Tenney says Hoxie has been seen by his "Silence and Fun," is simply astonishing, and George Thatcher furnishes ample amusement by his quaint and humorous style of story-telling. He has a new budget, and his lion story is charming in its fiction and in the manner in which he tells it.

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GOOD BYE, CHARLEY!

A Farewell Banquet Given to C. B. Gallup Saturday Night.

If C. B. Gallup doubted his popularity and the esteem with which he is regarded by his many gentlemen acquaintances, these doubts must have been dispelled in the magnificent entertainment which was given in his honor at the Morton House last Saturday night. It consisted of a banquet served by the Pantlinds, the mere mention of whose name gave assurance that it was most excellent. There were over sixty of Mr. Gallup's young friends present, who sat down at the banquet table at 10 o'clock and paid homage to the inner man until about eleven, when Toastmaster William A. Smith arose and formally announced the object of the feast, and in a few well chosen words eloquently and feelingly made the guest of the evening farewell. The first thing on the post-prandial program was the rendering of a selection by the Schubert Club, which was loudly applauded. The toast "Our Guest" was responded to by Rev. Henry Powers, who pleasantly alluded to his acquaintance with Mr. Gallup. Rev. Charles Fluhrer responded to the toast "Young Men." His remarks were notable for good sound encouraging advice to young men to be persevering, and to advance morally, intellectually and otherwise. He beautifully depicted the advancement of young men in the world, and showed that their chances for accomplishing good was much better than in the generation which preceded them. Willard F. Keeney delivered a brief response to the toast, "The West," in which he said a good many sensible things in intelligent, forcible and well chosen language. Sybrant Wesselsius was to have responded to "Our College Days," but not being present the toast was passed. The Schubert Club followed with a glee, after which Chas. W. Holden expatiated on "Friendship," giving numerous quotations from poets and writers apropos to the theme. H. G. Wauty, of the Democrat, made a most pleasing reply to the toast, "The Press," in which he gave the reporter credit for his honesty, modesty, and respect for Christianity. Mr. Wauty eloquently referred to the press as being one of the foremost factors in the progress of this age. It was an educator as well as a reformer. Its advice was listened to not only by the people but by the government itself. The guest of the evening then in reply to the toast, "Grand Rapids," made a speech notable for a sentiment of a sincere gratefulness for the honor which had been done him. He said that the Grand Rapids which interested him most were those friends who were present. He regretted to leave a spot where he had so many friends, and said he would never forget them and would always be pleased to see them at his new home. Again thanking his friends he sat down amid applause. Geo. A. Smith sang a bass solo, which was received with applause so continuous that he was obliged to bow his acknowledgments with "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep." Then followed songs by the Schubert Club and the whole company. It was an event so imbued with good feeling and sincere regard for the guest of the evening that he must feel that he departs from a spot abounding with true friends and good wishes.

AMUSEMENTS.

A Good List of Attractions at the Theatres This Week.

Of Thatcher, Primrose and West, who appear at Powers's to-night, the Baltimore News said the following:

The songs of the first part were enthusiastically applauded. Billy Rice, in his song of the times, brought down the house at every turn. Primrose made a hit in "Oh, Hannah." Frank Howard sang a new song and the finale, "Base-ball," is very funny. Frank McNeil, in his "Silence and Fun," is simply astonishing, and George Thatcher furnishes ample amusement by his quaint and humorous style of story-telling. He has a new budget, and his lion story is charming in its fiction and in the manner in which he tells it.

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THE ROMANCE OF LIFE.

REV. CHAS. FLUHRER'S LECTURE.

A Sermon on a Text Taken from Shakespeare—The Second of the "Seven Ages," the Lover Considered.

Despite the blash and rain, the Universalist church last evening held a fair-sized audience to listen to the Rev. Chas. Fluhrer's second lecture on "Shakespeare's Seven Ages of Man." The lecturer read as a lesson, Othello's defence before the Council, wherein he showed by what witchcraft he had won his Desdemona. Act. I, Sec. 2 & 3. After singing and prayer he read the subject:

"And then the lover,
Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad
Made to his mistress' eyebrow."

It is a noticeable feature, the speaker said, that Shakespeare does not so distinctly sketch the lover as he does the boy, and merely suggests a description of the cause for the lover's sighing and woeful ballads by referring to his mistress' eyebrow. Yet his description of Othello covers the whole realm of what constitutes a man indeed. The furnace, was Shakespeare's type of true love and was indicative and significant by its sighing of the looks, the attitude, the sighs of the lovers whose mutual regards are to them too sacred for words. Friendship may be expressed by words, but love is most frequently indicated by a sigh, and finds expression most aptly in the language of emotion, as expressed in poetry. Love expressed in gigantic oratorical phrases would sound absurd, and has been the poet's theme from Homer's time down until it found its full expression in "Romeo and Juliet."

The lover is usually depicted as a youth, because life is then the sweetest, having not yet been seared by the trials of adversity and hardship and the sympathies then seized by love are more elastic and become fully intensified. Under its magic spell the modern Abelard can't see that the mouth of his innamorata is large beyond proportion, or that her nose is out of place, but its alchemy makes her to him the pink of perfection, a miracle of grace, though she may have towering temper and capricious will; and the romantic Heloise sees as much in him, though he may have a head like a conic section, empty as a bell, with a tongue like the clapper, only fit to make a noise.

Mr. Fluhrer read several selections from various authors, showing that in all times and climes the power of love has ruled the universe and is an immutable law of nature, depicted on the rough sculpture of the mountain painted against the azure sky, in the morning sunlight, glorified in the sunset, heard in the music of the birds and bounding in the heart of the poet. The next subject is "The Soldier; or, Life's Warfare," and will be delivered at the same hour and place, Sunday, Jan. 4.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

The Exercises by the Unitarians at Powers's Opera House Last Night.

Though rain was pouring outside, this fact did not prevent a large attendance at the Unitarian services in Powers's Opera House last evening. The most interesting feature of the services was the introduction of the Sunday School children in songs and recitations. The choir was enlarged and was assisted in several anthems which they rendered most excellently, by Powers's Opera House orchestra. The stage was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers. In the centre stood a cabin handsomely trimmed with evergreens called "Santa Claus's home." The ladies are entitled to much praise for the labor and skill they displayed in the decorations, which resulted in giving the scene a decidedly festive appearance. Misses Miriam Brigham, Alice Warner, Mary O'Hara, Lawrence Bignell and Harry Kimball acquitted themselves creditably in recitations. These were interspersed with the singing of carols by the members of the Sunday school under the direction of Dr. Ross. The pastor, Rev. Henry Powers, made a short address, dwelling particularly on the relation of Jesus Christ to the festivities of the evening, that it was the world's festival we are celebrating to-night. He admonished his hearers to love one another; that in Jesus the world had a criterion, an example of life to aspire to; that we paralleled the life of Jesus with other great prophets for the truth that has come from them. It was a beautiful and impressive service, as well as attractive in the frame or surroundings which accompanied it, in the music and adornments, and was beneficial in inspiring the mind with the thoughts of holier things than the pursuits of the world.

Sardou's "Theodora."

A Paris dispatch of Friday night says: "Sardou's 'Theodora' was produced this evening with splendid effect. The dresses were copied from mosaics in the Church of Vitale at Ravenna. Sarah Bernhardt wore a reproduction of Theodora's mantle decked with heraldic peacocks and priceless gems. The music was by Massenet. The first act was received coldly. The others were vociferously applauded. Critics express various opinions of the production, some accusing Sardou of anti-historical history. The majority, however, are kind in their praise of the superb acting of Bernhardt and the intense dramatic nature of the situations. Renan and distinguished litterateurs were present."

Subterranean Bivalves.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 28.—While digging a well in this city, situated on a high ridge of hills, at a depth of sixty-four feet a curious discovery was made of oyster shells and many varieties of sea shells, such as people here never saw before. Several geologists are investigating the matter.

Surrendering to Gordon.

CAIRO, Dec. 28.—A messenger has arrived at Dongola who left Khartoum two weeks ago. He states that many of the rebels have come into Khartoum and submitted to Gordon. The General is in good health.

Governor Hamilton States that he offered the vacant judgeship in the Sixth Illinois circuit to Scott Wake, a prominent Democrat, who declined it on account of business engagements. A. C. Mathews was then appointed.

A THUNDERBOLT

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